

# Red Palm Mite

## (Tenuipalpidae: *Raoiella indica*)

- ❑ Native to Asia; now found throughout tropical and subtropical regions of Eastern Hemisphere and the Caribbean. Recently detected in Florida.
- ❑ Hosts: A serious pest risk of potentially all palm species, bananas, ginger, heliconia, and a few other monocots.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult small but visible to the naked eye, ~ 0.3 mm. All life stages, including eggs, are red. **Adult legs red.** Long, spatulate body **setae often with droplets of liquid at their tips.** Adults do not produce webbing, and are not associated with webbing.



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